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California Water Quality Monitoring Council

Recreational Beneficial Use Assessment: Central Valley Water Board's Monitoring in Freshwater Swimming Areas By Alisha Wenzel, Engineering Geologist

Thursday, July 26th, 2018 | 12:00-12:30 PM

Cal EPA Building, Training Room 1 East/West, 1st Floor

1001 | Street, Sacramento, CA

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Each summer since 2007, the Central Valley Water Board's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) has monitored *Escherichia coli* (*E.coli*) in popular swimming holes and recreation areas. The goal of the monitoring is to evaluate if water-contact beneficial uses are being protected in our watersheds. *E. coli* is type of bacteria used as an indicator of fecal pollution and potential risk of illness for swimmers and others in contact with the water. To date, SWAMP and its partners have collected over 3,000 samples from 172 sites throughout the region.

SWAMP is focusing much of its 2018 efforts on the Lower American River watershed. The Lower American River was recently listed as impaired due indicator bacteria. In response to public concern, SWAMP has been collecting weekly samples since January and has created an interactive online map to provide immediate access to sampling results. In addition, the Central Valley Water Board is working with local agencies to develop and fund a study to identify the sources of fecal pollution.

During the summer of 2018, SWAMP will also be collecting samples at sites along the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers. Please join us to learn more about our monitoring and how to access the data.

The recordings of all webinars can be accessed at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water issues/programs/swamp/brownbag seminars.shtml

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